World Bank's Conditions for Loan to PFC

1434. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has stipulated stringent conditions for the proposed $ 500 million loan to the Power Finance Corporation to lend the same to the State Electricity Boards for restructuring;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any action in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (d) The proposal of Power Finance Corporation for a loan of US $ 500 Million from the World Bank to on-lend to the State Electricity Boards for restructuring is at a very preliminary stage of discussions between the World Bank, Power Finance Corporation and the Government of India.

Demurrage for Delayed Unloading of Petroleum by IOC

1435. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has to pay heavy demurrage, in foreign currency, for delay in unloading of diesel and petroleum at ports due to congestion at ports;

(b) if so, the details of the demurrage amount paid during the current year, month-wise, at each of the ports of the country; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government, in consultation with the Ministry of Surface Transport, for quick unloading of imported diesel and petroleum and to remove decongestion at ports so that imports could be unloaded expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALU): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House.

Reducing the Number of Shelterless in Bihar

1436. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Housing Policy envisages that the State Governments will draw up Action Plans to achieve the goal of reduction in the number of shelterless in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Bihar Govenrment has drawn up such an Action Plan and submitted the same to the Central Govenrment for Central funding; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The National Housing Policy envisages that States/UTs will formulate perspective plans of actions and short term plans for time-bound implementation by State and local agencies with the involvement of Central institutions, private and cooperative agencies and build these plans into the Five Year Plans, city and district development plans, etc.